

Evatt School

In a caring environment, we will achieve our full potential.



From Mrs Martin Acting Executive Teacher

I am the newest member of the executive team at Evatt School. I first came to the school in 2013 and taught year 3/4, 1/2 and physical education. I spent term 1 last year at a different school, before returning as a literacy specialist and intervention teacher, and am now teaching 5/6.



As you read this newsletter, I will be on my way back from Cooba Sport and Education Centre with the year 5/6 students. It is my hope that we will have had an awesome camp, got totally muddled up in the Gladiator Challenge, bubbled around in a bubble ball, flung on the flying fox and landed the low ropes course without any injuries. Let's see what next week's newsletter says about camp.

Last week you will have met with your child's classroom teacher. It is a long-held belief that parent engagement in learning leads to improved outcomes for students of all ages. Here at Evatt School we continually support parent engagement by building partnerships to connect learning at home and school.

- You can be involved in your children's learning at home by building your child's confidence, motivation, capability and competence as learners.
- You can work in partnership with your child's teacher by communicating effectively, building trust, and sharing information and resources.
- You can be involved in school-based activities by attending events or volunteering in class.

[Source: Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, September 2018]

28 February 2020

Monday 2 March:

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Tuesday 3 March:

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Wednesday 4 March:

- School Banking

Thursday 5 March:

- Breakfast Club 8.30am

Friday 6 March:

- Swimming Carnival

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If you would like further information on parental engagement, the following is a link to the ACT Education Directorate's resources for parents. <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/resources-for-parents/progressing-parental-engagement-project>

This week during professional learning, the teachers have been delving deeper into the Australian Curriculum. This year STEM is not being explored through the release program, but is being integrated into classroom programs using the inquiry model through Science, Technologies and HaSS (Humanities and Social Sciences).

Friday next week we will be holding our annual swimming carnival. It is always a fun filled day with lots of successes, personal bests and games. We look forward to announcing the students who have been successful at qualifying for the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival next week. For those students who aren't keen on the water, don't fret. The school's track and field carnival will be Friday 3 April.

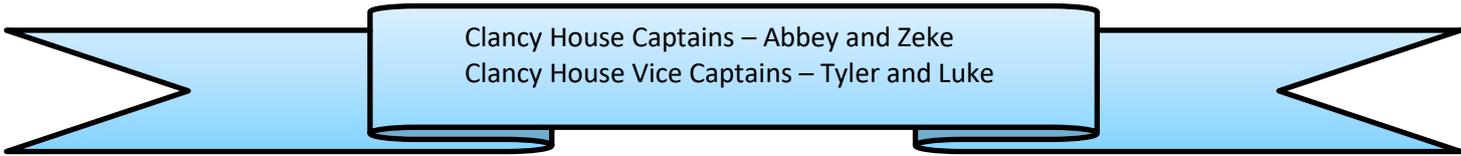
Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the last weeks of warm weather before the shorter days and cooler temperatures of Autumn arrive.

Jenelle Martin,
Acting Executive Teacher

SPORT NEWS

Sporting House Captains

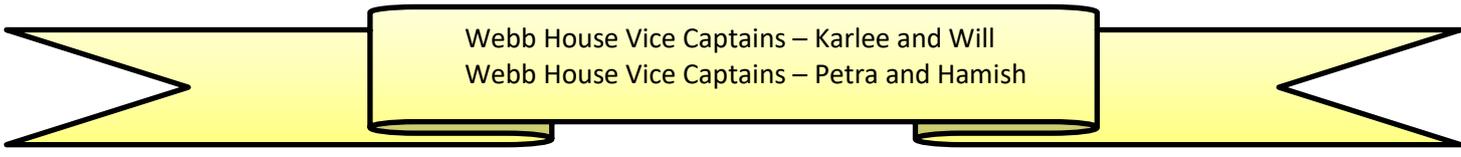
Congratulations to the following people who were elected Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains at house meetings last week. These people have been recognised by their peers as having leadership qualities, and we look forward to seeing their talent and enthusiasm at the upcoming swimming carnival.



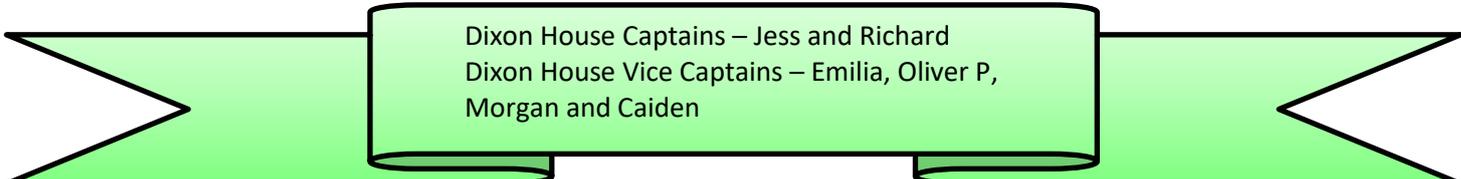
Clancy House Captains – Abbey and Zeke
Clancy House Vice Captains – Tyler and Luke



Copland House Captains – Bella and Archer
Copland House Vice Captains – Amy and Cadeyrn



Webb House Vice Captains – Karlee and Will
Webb House Vice Captains – Petra and Hamish



Dixon House Captains – Jess and Richard
Dixon House Vice Captains – Emilia, Oliver P,
Morgan and Caiden

Swimming Carnival

The closing date for returning permission notes for the Evatt Swimming Carnival has passed. Thank you to all the parents and children who got their notes in on time. We hope you are getting excited and are looking forward to a fun and exciting day.

In house meetings on Monday 2 March your child will be watching the water safety video. If you would like to watch it with them beforehand, please do so using the following link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_o7bKuDs0&feature=youtu.be

What does your child need to bring to the carnival?

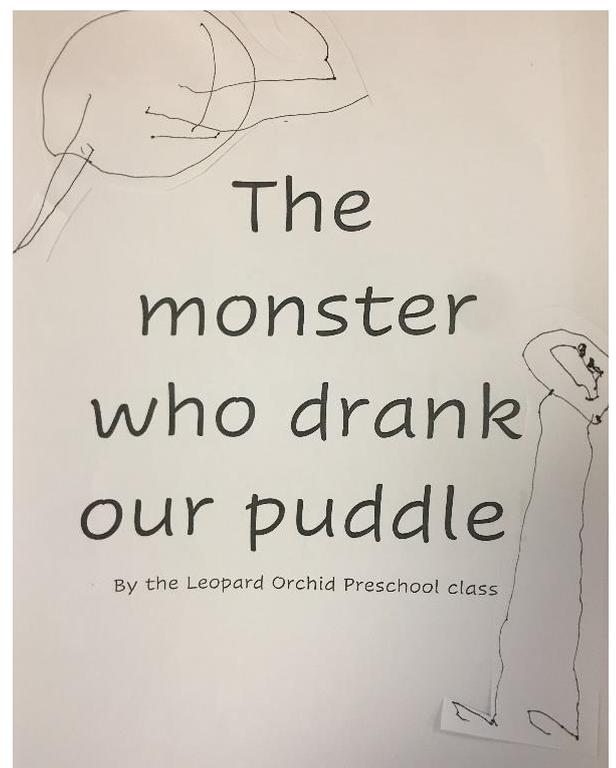
- Dress in their house colour
- Swimmers
- Towel
- Sun-smart hat
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- B1 and B2
- Goggles (if your child prefers)
- Jacket or something to keep warm

Jenelle Martin,
Acting Executive Teacher

The monster who drank our puddle!

Several weeks ago, the preschool children arrived at school to find an enormous puddle in the garden! We had lots of fun splashing and playing in the water, making Wombat Stew and experimenting with floating boats. On Tuesday the puddle was gone!! We discussed the situation and came up with some theories:

- Xavier: It got dried up by the sun.
Blake: It dried up by the wind.
Archie: Or the sun sucked it up!
Brooklyn: It dried up. It's inside the ground.
Chloe: It went into the grass and then the mud comes.
Zoe: It shrunk away. I don't know where.
Willow: A monster drank it!!!



The idea that a monster drank our puddle really inspired the children's imagination, so we decided to create our own book. The children drew pictures of monsters and puddles and together we discussed our ideas to create the text. We have all enjoyed writing, illustrating and reading our very first class book. Keep a look out for that thirsty Evatt Monster who likes to drink mud puddles!!!

Jo Stratton,
Classroom Teacher



Research study on preschooler's health and nutrition survey

Are you a parent or caregiver of a child aged 4 or 5 years old? You're invited to participate in a research study about the health and nutrition of Canberra's preschoolers.

The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete online or over the phone. By participating you can be in the running to win one of ten \$50 gift vouchers.

For more information visit bit.ly/CHSpreschoolersurvey or call [5124 7603](tel:51247603).

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Parent/Carers Workshop

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with diverse literacy needs. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research e.g. text to speech, speech to text, word prediction.

RW4G is available free for all students and teachers in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool anywhere at school, home etc. The licence has been extended for the next 3 years.

Workshop details and registration

Two workshop sessions will be offered, if you are interested in attending please register for **one** of the workshop dates by emailing to michelle.vanpuyselde@act.gov.au and/or **6207 4225**.

Term 2 2020, wk.2	Thursday 7th May 4.00-5.30pm Venue: Centre for Teaching & Learning Hedley Beare 51 Fremantle Drive Stirling ACT Room: Mezzanine
Term 3 2020, wk.6	Tuesday 25th August 4.00-5.30pm Venue: Mount Stromlo High School 220 Badimara St, Waramanga ACT Room: Library

If you want to learn more about Read & Write for Google Chrome below are links to a variety of videos.

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/sectors/education/schools/>

School Banking

Did you know that Evatt school benefits directly when you participate in the School Banking program?

Banking day is every Wednesday – there are some great rewards this year for our consistent savers.

Pop into your nearest Commonwealth Bank to open an account, or if you're already a member of the Commonwealth School Banking program, don't forget to bring your banking book in each Wednesday.



School Jumpers

Order forms for school jumpers are available at the link below or through the front office.

[http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/463009/Uniform - jumper order form 2020.pdf](http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/463009/Uniform_-_jumper_order_form_2020.pdf)

2020 Camps

Camps provide a great opportunity for students to develop teamwork, social skills and independence and it is very important to us to have as many students attend as possible. As this activity has an outside provider it is not subject to the voluntary contributions policy, and payment is required for the successful running of the camp. Students not attending the camp will follow an alternative program at school, with student numbers determining the activities provided.

Year 3/4 - 2020 Camp:

Dates for 3/4 Camp have been finalised.

3/4 camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 2, from Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July.

Further information will be shared as it becomes available to the school.

Skoolbag School App – Don't Miss a Thing!

Please subscribe to our Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent and carer community. To install it, just search for our school name 'Evatt Primary School' in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Alternatively, if you google 'Evatt Primary School Skoolbag App', it will be listed in your search.

School app

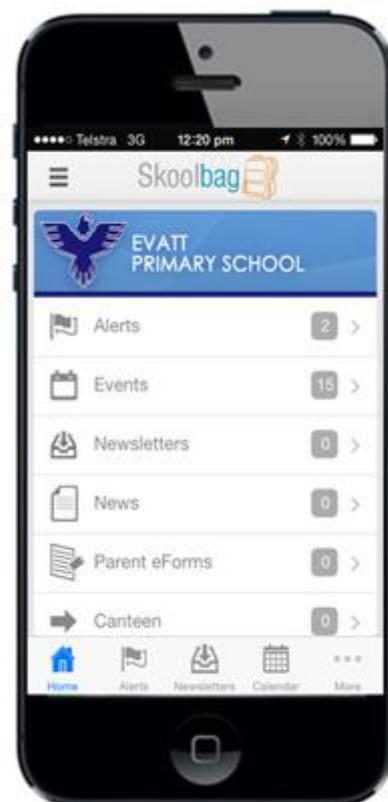
How to install our Skoolbag app

iPhone & iPad users

- Click the 'App store' icon on your Apple device
- Search for Evatt Primary
- If iPhone, choose the Skoolbag app, press 'Free', then 'install'
- If iPad, change the dropdown list to 'iPhone apps', the Skoolbag app should then be visible, press 'Free', then 'install'
- When installed press 'Open'
- Select 'OK' to receive push notifications, when asked
- Press the 'More' button on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
- Turn on the correct year levels that you wish to receive push notifications for

Android users

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app
- Press the 'Play Store' button on your Android device
- Press the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Evatt Primary
- Press on the Skoolbag version of the app, you may need to scroll down in the list of search results to find it
- Press the 'Install' button
- Press 'Accept' for various permissions (please note we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
- Press 'Open' when installed
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EVATT BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Thursday, the Evatt Breakfast Club serves a free breakfast to students in the canteen foyer from 8:30 – 9:00am.

The children sit, eat and socialise with their peers prior to going into class for the day.

The Evatt Breakfast Club is run by volunteers who serve cereal, toast and Milo to the children. If you're interested in volunteering this term please contact Felicity Kelly via email (felicitymcnamara@gmail.com) or in person.

We'd also love any donations of cereals, spreads, bread (including gluten free) and Milo.

Felicity Kelly

P&C Representative.

Notes Due:

***PLEASE NOTE:** Paper notes are sent home on Fridays. Copies can be accessed at the following links*

2020 Voluntary Contributions and Stationery Contribution - Years K-6

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/459838/2020_Vol_Cons_and_Stationery.pdf

Japanese Assistant Host Families 2020

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/451660/2020_Host_Families_Needed.pdf

Detailed Student Information Form - All Years

(these were sent home in week one)

Kindergarten Health Check Form - Kindergarten Only

(these were sent home Friday 14 February)

Medical Information and Consent Form

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/461995/medical-information-and-consent-form.pdf

Swimming Carnival - Year 2-6 and ANT/PS 6 March 2020

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/463006/2-6_5.6_ANTs_Permission_Note_to_Parents_2020.pdf

Swimming Carnival Kindergarten, Year 1, ANT/AS and ANT/GC 6 March 2020

http://www.evattps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/463008/K.1_K12_ANTs_34_ANTs_Permission_Note_to_Parents_2018.pdf

In the Community.



Offering a free and confidential
counselling service

Assisting and supporting parents with
ideas about raising children

Interpreters available

Ph. 6287 3833

FREE KIDS BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY 28 MARCH

The Monaro Folk Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary
of musical events in Canberra

We are hosting a special free day at Yarralumla
Woolshed showcasing our activities.

This includes a Kids Bush Dance between 12.30 and 2.00pm
For info see: www.monarofolk.org.au/kids-bush-dances



To the Staff & Families of Evatt Primary School,

Free tickets for students and families are now available for IDFA's school holiday event, 'RAZZAMATAZZ Comedy Variety Show', On Tuesday 14th April 2020 at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. The Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia hosts the 'Razzamatazz' event annually to provide an opportunity for children of all abilities and backgrounds to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel welcomed and free to be themselves without restriction, judgement or financial burden. Bulk ticket orders from schools/kindergartens are preferred but individual orders from families are also welcome.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Meredith Newman

Ticketing Officer

2020 IDFA 'Razzamatazz Comedy Variety Show'

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Term 1 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	2 March	3	4 School Banking	5 Breakfast Club 8.30am	6 Swimming Carnival
6	9 Canberra Day No School	10 Meet Michael Hatswell (P&C Event)	11 School Banking	12 Breakfast Club 8.30am	13 Assembly: 2.15pm
7	16	17	18 School Banking	19 Breakfast Club 8.30am	20 -CEIS (Christian Education in Schools)
8	23	24	25 School Banking	26 Belconnen School Carnival Breakfast Club 8.30am	27 Assembly: 2.15pm
9	30	31	April 1 School Banking	2 Breakfast Club 8.30am	3 Athletics Carnival
10	6	7	8 School Banking	9 Breakfast Club 8.30am Assembly: 2.15pm	10 Good Friday No School

Term 2 – 2020					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 April ANZAC DAY No School	28	29 School Banking	30 Breakfast Club 8.30am	1 May Cross Country
2	4 May	5	6 School Banking	7 Breakfast Club 8.30am	8 Assembly: 2.15pm
3	11	12	13 School Banking	14 Breakfast Club 8.30am	15
4	16	17	18	19	20

SCHOOL PAYMENT DETAILS:

EFTPOS: Visit the front office in person, ring the front office and pay over the phone (Mastercard/Visa only).

Direct Transfer: Evatt Primary School Management Account, BSB: 032777, Account number: 001244, Reference field: 'child/family name' & 'excursion/payment name'